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AGE!

# ALL-STAR SQUADRON

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**ALL-STAR SQUADRON**

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TARANTULA! YOU'RE STARTING TO--DISAPPEAR!

HOLY COW! AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU!

IT'S OUR GRABBING THIS PAIR THAT DID IT, SOMEHOW--AS IF THEY'RE SOME SORT OF BOOBYTRAP ULTRA SENT--

--AND WE'RE THE PRIZE BOOBIES!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO USSSSSS?

PHANTOM LADY--WE'VE GOTTA HELP BATMAN--!

"...AS IF YOU COULD KILL TIME WITHOUT INJURING ETERNITY."--  
HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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TH- THEY'RE GONE, ROBIN!  
NOT EVEN MY NEW LEAF-  
MASK CAN DETECT THEM.

BUT-- WHERE THEY  
STOOD-- SOMETHING  
ELSE IS STARTING TO  
APPEAR!

GOOD GRAY!  
IT'S--

HEY! WHO IS THAT, ANYWAY?

STOP TALKING A MOMENT, BOY, AND LET THE MIST  
INTRODUCE YOU BOTH TO HIMSELF--

--AND TO VULCAN,  
SON OF FIRE!

I CAN  
HANDLE MY  
OWN INTRO-  
DUCTIONS,  
MIST...

...THE SAME WAY I  
CAN HANDLE THESE  
TWO PANTY-WAISTS!

YOU DEAL WITH  
THE GIRL, I LEAVE  
THE BOY WONDER  
TO ME!

WONDERFUL! WE BARELY FINISH  
OFF THOSE TWO CREEPS CALLED  
NORTHWIND AND FURY-- AND  
ONE OF STARMAN'S OLD SPAR-  
RING-PARTNERS SHOWS UP,  
WITH A GREEK GOD IN TOW!

ROMAN, ACTUALLY-- BUT BE SURE  
YOU HIT THE MIST LOW!

I HEAR HIS POWER'S  
ALL IN A SOLUTION WHICH  
MAKES MOST OF HIM  
VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE.

YEAH? WELL,  
HE'LL BE VIRTU-  
ALLY UNCON-  
SCIOUS-- IF HE  
DON'T TELL  
ME WHY HE'S  
STANDING IN  
FOR BATMAN!

IT WARMS  
MY HEART  
TO SEE SUCH  
LOYALTY IN  
THE YOUNG.

BY THE BYE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL  
KNOW-- I NOW HAVE POWERS FAR  
BEYOND ANY THAT FOOL STAR-  
MAN MAY HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT.

HUH--?

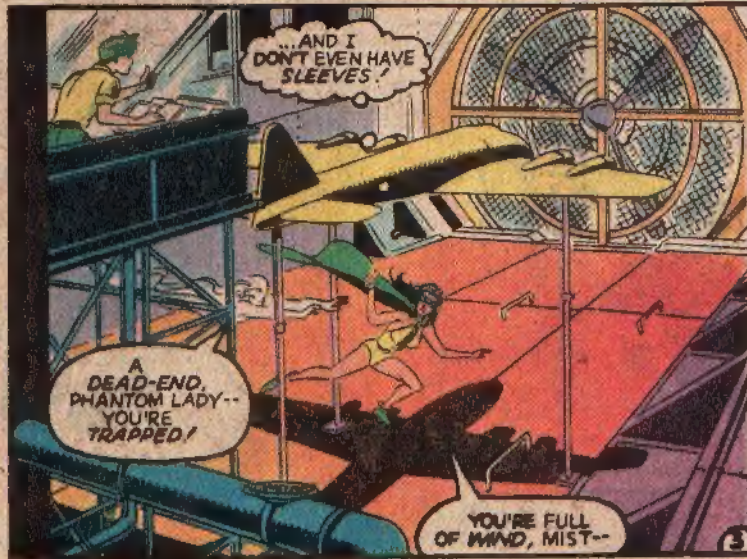
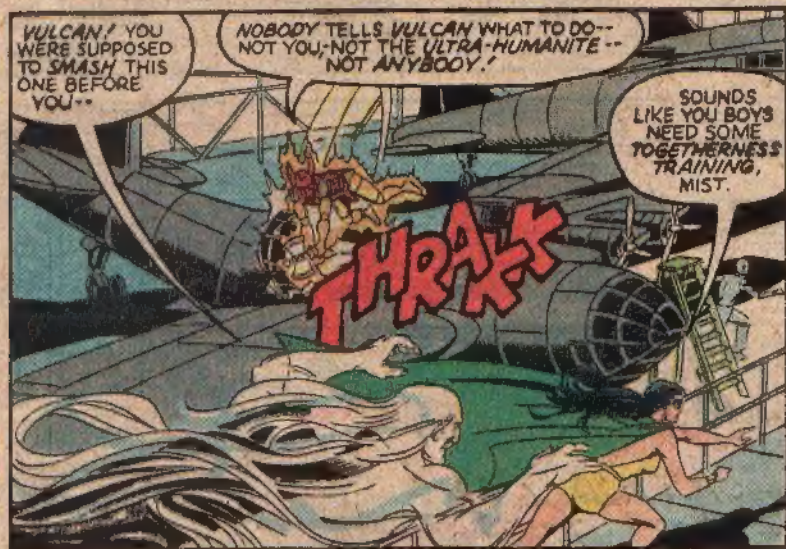
I CAN BE-  
COME INTAN-  
GIBLE, AS WELL  
AS INVISIBLE--

--EITHER  
WHOLLY,  
OR IN  
PART!

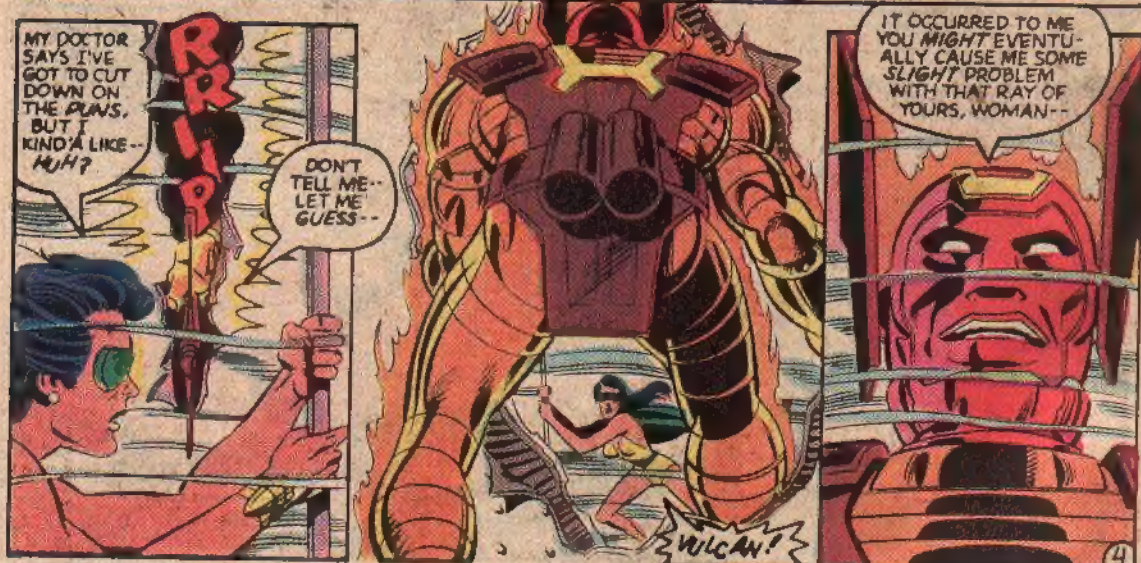
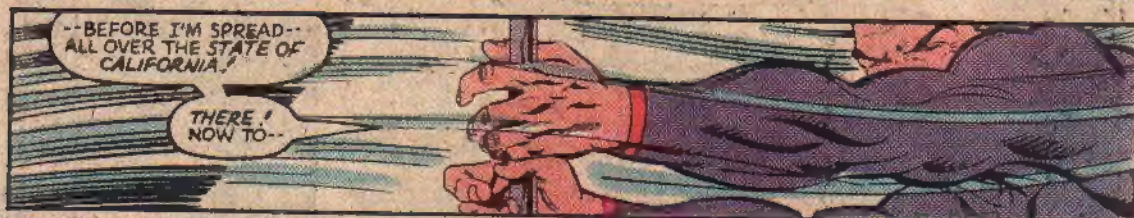
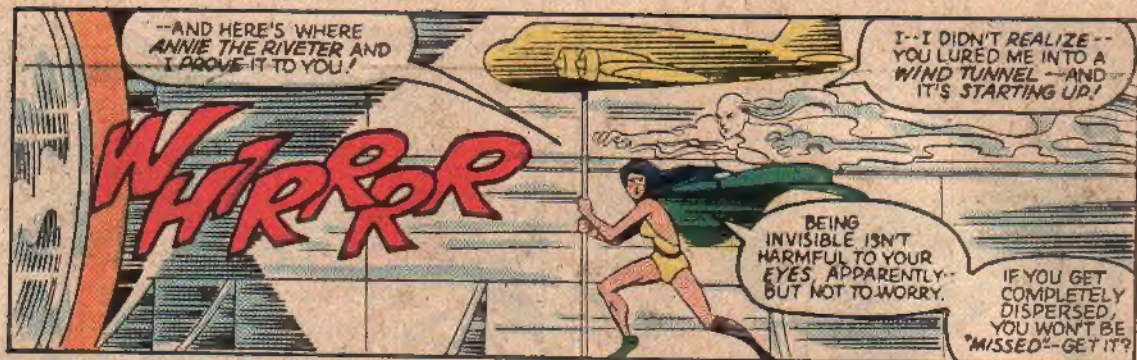
OH, GREAT!  
HOW CAN I  
SLUG SOME-  
BODY WHO CAN  
TOUCH  
ME--

--WHEN I  
CAN'T LAY A  
GLOVE ON HIM?











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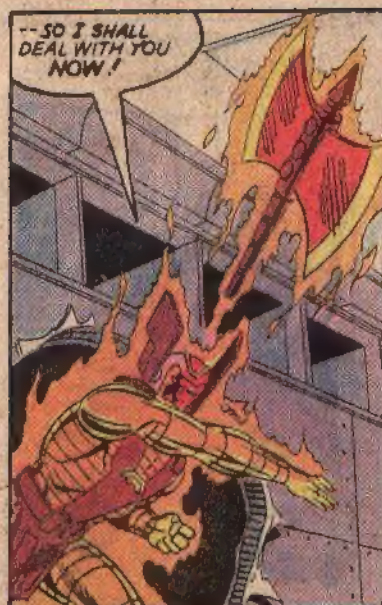
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--SO I SHALL  
DEAL WITH YOU  
NOW!



STEEL MEETS STEEL--  
FIRE CONQUERS WIND--

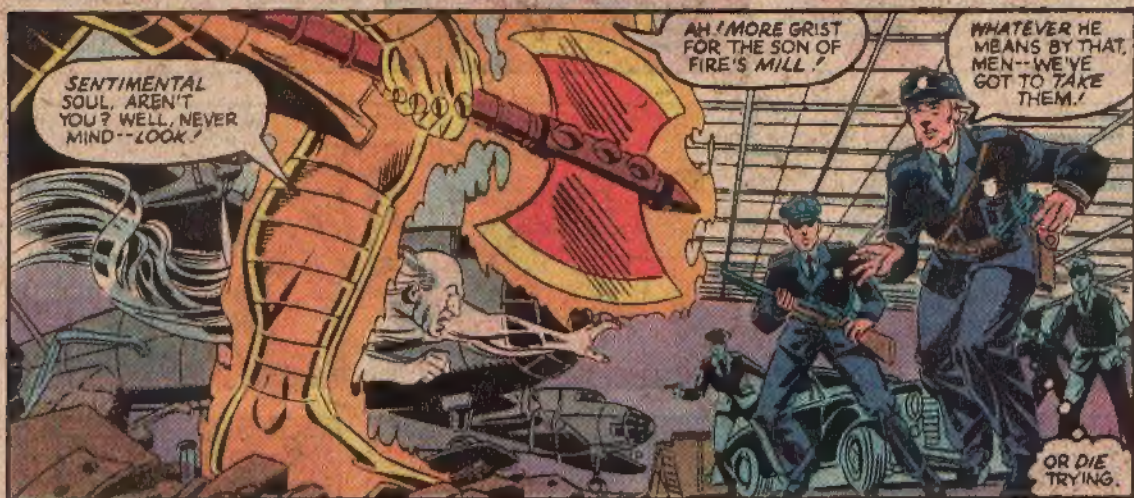
AND, NEXT MOMENT,  
THE WIND TUNNEL RIPS  
APART IN A SHUDDERING  
PAROXYSM.



MY THANKS, VULCAN. THE EXPLOSION  
MUST HAVE COMPLETELY OBLITERATED  
THE GIRL.

I WANT NO FAWN-  
ING THANKS--ONLY  
THE CHANCE TO  
DESTROY!

AND THAT  
THE ULTRA-  
HUMANITE  
HAS GIVEN  
ME--NOT  
YOU!



SENTIMENTAL  
SOUL, AREN'T  
YOU? WELL, NEVER  
MIND--LOOK!

AH! MORE GRIST  
FOR THE SON OF  
FIRE'S MILL!

WHATEVER HE  
MEANS BY THAT,  
MEN--WE  
GOT TO TAKE  
THEM!

OR DIE  
TRYING.



RIGHT, SAM--THESE  
PLANES MEAN AMERI-  
CAN LIVES, AND--  
HUH?

NO SOONER DID  
THAT ARMORED  
GUY THROW UP  
A WALL OF  
FIRE--

--THAN  
THEY BOTH  
TOOK OFF--  
FLYING!

ONE  
THING'S SURE--  
BULLETS DON'T  
FAZE 'EM.



Y'KNOW, JIM, ALL THE TIME WE BEEN  
SHOOTIN' AT THEM-- I KEPT WONDER-  
ING WHAT WE'D DO IF THEY  
TURNED AROUND.

YOU'RE  
NOT THE  
ONLY  
ONE--SO  
WHY'D  
THEY  
TURN  
TAIL?

THEY COULD'VE  
TRASHED THIS  
PLACE--AND  
THEY KNEW IT!





AND INDEED, AS BOTH WAR WORKERS AND THE NEWS-BOY LEGION RACE BRAVELY FORWARD TO PROTECT THE INVALUABLE NAVY YARD--



--THE BLACK- AND-RED-CLAD FIGURE MAKES THE FACE OF FEAR--



--AND THE EMOTIONS IT PORTRAYS ARE INSTANTLY TRANSMITTED TO YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE!



YET, SECONDS LATER, DESPITE THE ULTRA-HUMANITE'S RADIO THREAT TO DESTROY THREE LINCHPINS OF AMERICA'S WAR EFFORT--





UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU'RE NOT LIKELY TO BE SHOCKED BY WHAT'S HAPPENING CONCURRENTLY IN DETROIT...

HOLY--!

ATOM? YOU'RE VANISHING--  
JUST LIKE THAT CREEP  
OBSIDIAN DID BEFORE!

NOT  
QUITE! HE'S  
NOT EVEN  
LEAVING A  
SHADOW  
BEHIND

NOW, JADE--IF THAT'S YOUR NAME--SUPPOSE YOU  
TELL ME JUST WHAT--OH NO

OH,  
YES!

I'M SORRY  
LANTERN--BUT  
YOU HAD IT  
COMING

THUS THE GREEN LANTERN  
FOLLOWS THE MIGHTY MITE  
INTO SEEMING THIN AIR--

AND THEIR EERIE REPLACEMENTS SUDDENLY APPEAR OUT OF IT!

WE'RE BACK RAG  
DOLL--AND THESE  
TWO ARE COLLAPS-  
ING RIGHT ON  
SCHEDULE

TO COIN  
A CLICHE  
MONOCLE  
IT'S ABOUT  
TIME!

AS FOR WILLEVERETT, ALIAS  
AMAZING-MAN.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, FELLA?  
YOU CAME FLYING IN  
WITH THOSE TWO USAOTS

AREN'T YOU  
GONNA HELP  
EM?

HELP WHO? THEY'RE GONE--  
AND I'M HERE.

BESIDES, IT'S THE ULTRA-  
HUMANITE MADE ME WHAT  
I AM, NOT ANY WHITE DO-  
GOODERS, SO--

ULTRA THOUGHT YOU  
MIGHT SHOW RARE  
GOOD SENSE, AMAZ-  
ING-MAN.

IF YOU'D  
OPPOSED US,  
WE'D HAVE DE-  
MOLISHED YOU--

--AS EASILY AS MY  
OPTICAL LASER DE-  
MOLISHES THAT  
STEEL BEAM.

LOOK  
OUT!

"LASER"!!

RAG DOLL'S  
NOT EXACTLY  
HELPLESS EITHER.

LOOK GUYS, YOU'RE  
PREACHING TO THE  
CONVERTED.  
OKAY?

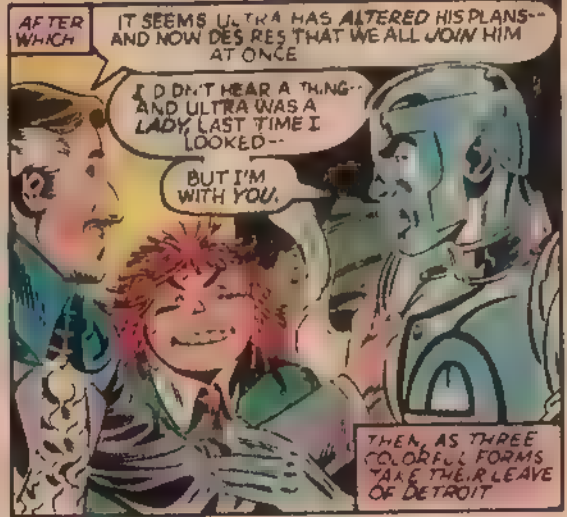
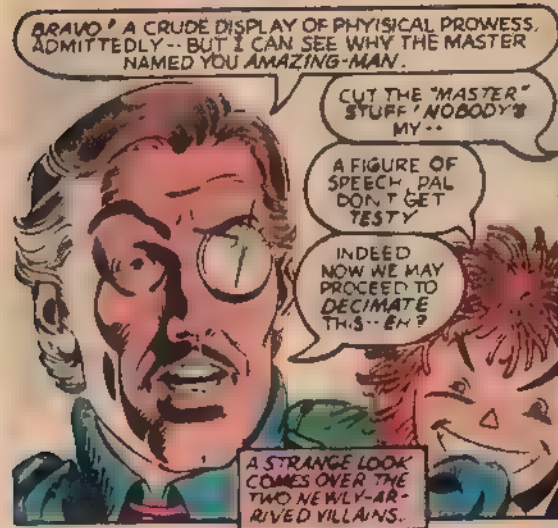
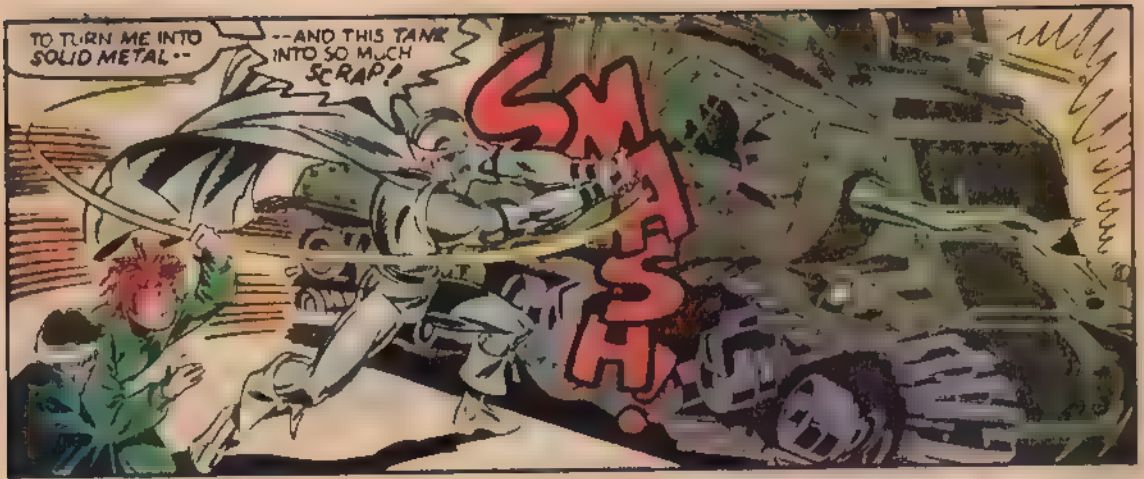
JUSTICE SOCIETY--  
ALL-STAR SQUADRON--  
NONE OF EM  
MEAN A THING  
TO ME.

I JUST HITCHED A  
RIDE TO MAKE SURE  
MY FOLKS WEREN'T  
GONNA BE HURT.

BUT SINCE IT  
DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE THE WHOLE  
CITY'S GOING UP  
IN SMOKE JUST  
THIS TANK  
FACTORY--

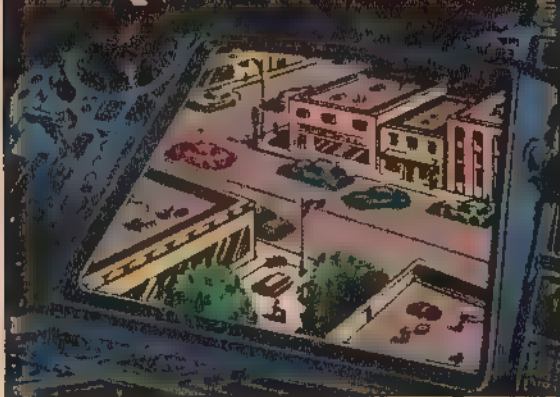
--MIGHT AS WELL  
USE THE POWER  
SHE GAVE ME--



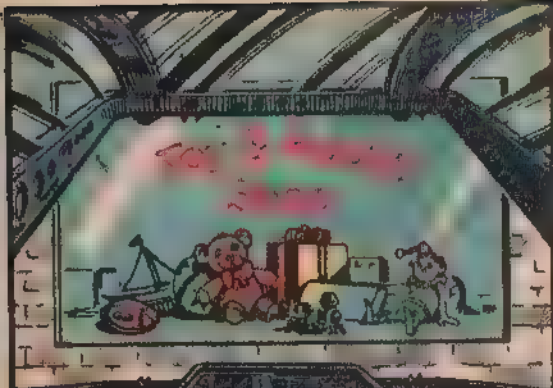




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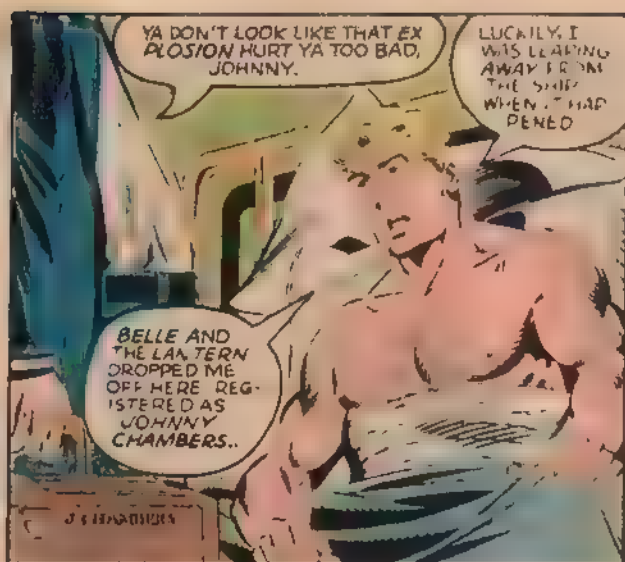
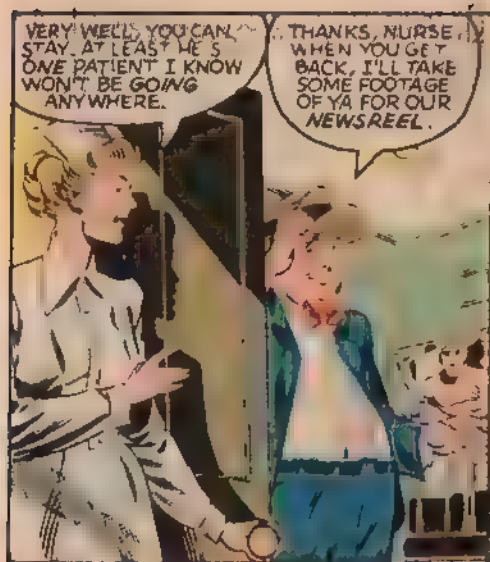
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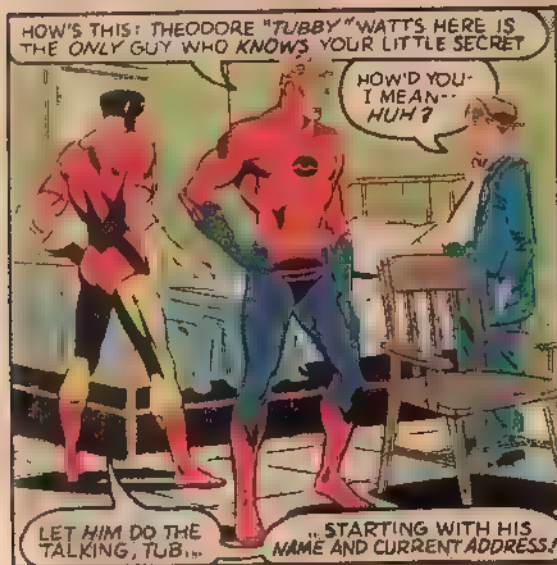
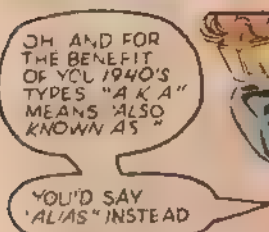
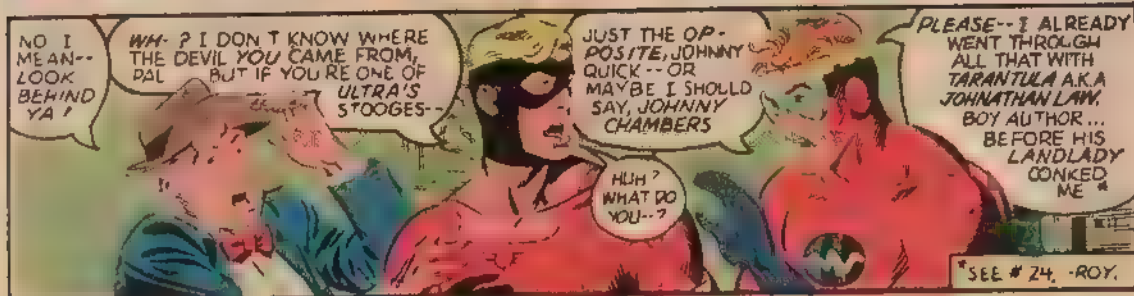
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YOU PREFER "JUNIOR"?

ONLY IF YOU WANT ME TO DEMONSTRATE ONE OF MY BRAIN-BLASTS ON YOUR JAW.

LOOK, I KNOW HOW CRAZY THIS ALL SOUNDS-- "IT CAME FROM 1983," AND ALL THAT--

BUT WHAT MATTERS IS, WE'VE GOT TO WORK TOGETHER--



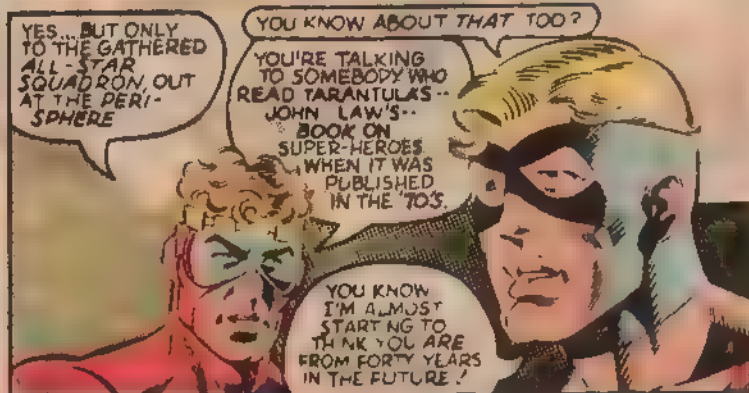
--IF WE'RE GOING TO STOP THE ULTRA-HUMANITE

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ULTRA?

HE/SHE SURE DOESN'T COME FROM THE FUTURE!

ACTUALLY, IN A SENSE HE DOES.

CARE TO EXPLAIN THAT REMARK?

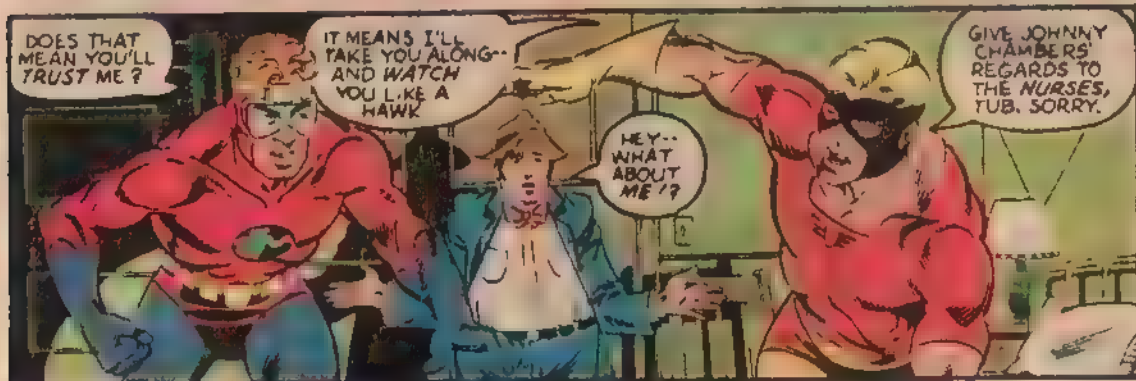


YES... BUT ONLY TO THE GATHERED ALL-STAR SQUADRON, OUT AT THE PERI-SPHERE

YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT TOO?

YOU'RE TALKING TO SOMEBODY WHO READ TARANTULAKS-- JOHN LAW'S-- BOOK ON SUPER-HEROES WHEN IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE '70S.

YOU KNOW I'M ALMOST STARTING TO THINK YOU ARE FROM FORTY YEARS IN THE FUTURE!

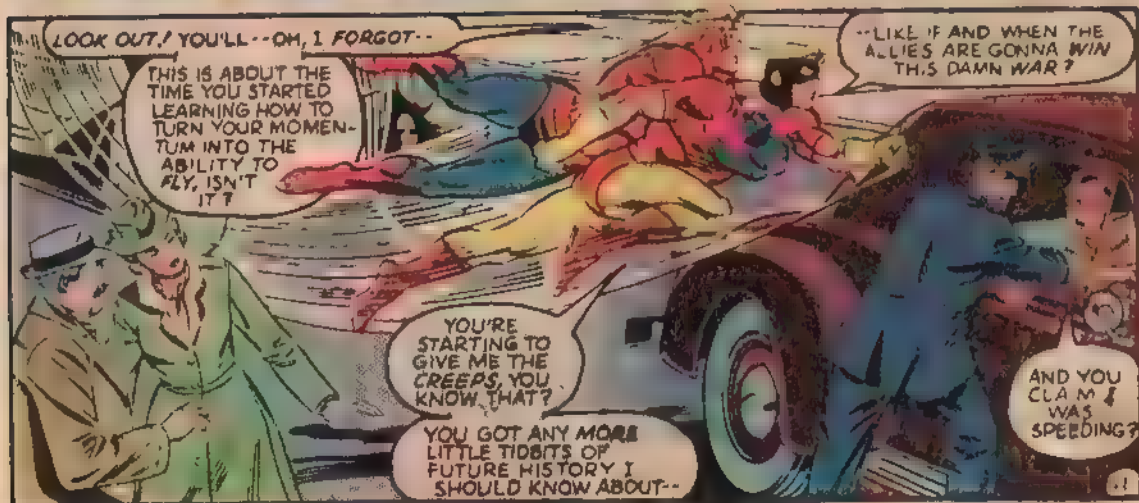


DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL TRUST ME?

IT MEANS I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG-- AND WATCH YOU LIKE A HAWK

HEY-- WHAT ABOUT ME?

GIVE JOHNNY CHAMBERS' REGARDS TO THE NURSES, TUB. SORRY.



LOOK OUT! YOU'LL--OH, I FORGOT--

THIS IS ABOUT THE TIME YOU STARTED LEARNING HOW TO TURN YOUR MOMENTUM INTO THE ABILITY TO FLY, ISN'T IT?

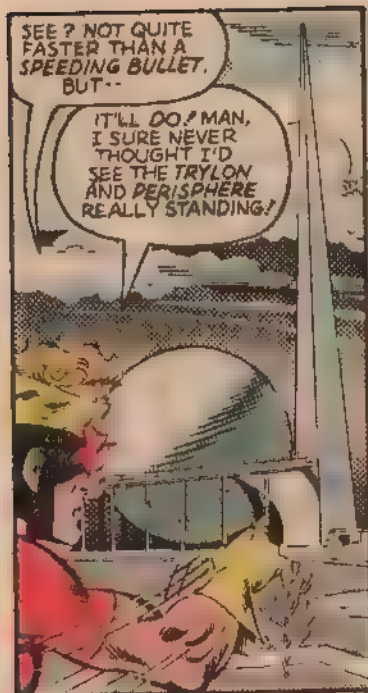
--LIKE IF AND WHEN THE ALLIES ARE GONNA WIN THIS DAMN WAR?

YOU'RE STARTING TO GIVE ME THE CREEPS, YOU KNOW THAT?

YOU GOT ANY MORE LITTLE TIDBITS OF FUTURE HISTORY I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT--

AND YOU CLAIM I WAS SPEEDING?





SEE? NOT QUITE FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, BUT--

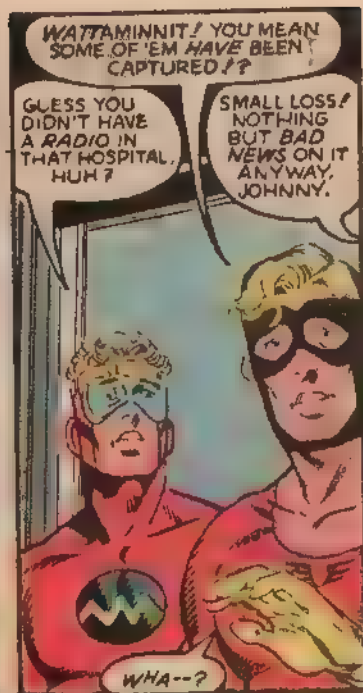
IT'LL DO, MAN, I SURE NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE TRYLON AND PERISPHERE REALLY STANDING!



HUH? YOU DON'T MEAN THEY'RE GONNA BE MELTED DOWN FOR SCRAP? LIBERTY BELLE'S GOT PLANS FOR--

WHAT COUNTS IS, I HOPE NOT ALL THE OTHER ALL STARS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY ULTRA'S LITTLE COMBO.

FOR SOME REASON, LAW'S BOOK WAS A BIT VAGUE ON THAT POINT.



WATTAMINNI? YOU MEAN SOME OF 'EM HAVE BEEN CAPTURED?!

GUESS YOU DIDN'T HAVE A RADIO IN THAT HOSPITAL, HUH?

SMALL LOSS! NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS ON IT ANYWAY, JOHNNY.

WHA--?



DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW SPEEDSTER, JOHNNY

NOT TO MENTION THE GUARDIAN... ROBIN... PHANTOM LADY... AND--

I'LL HANDLE MY OWN INTRO, FLASH, IF YA DON'T MIND. THE NAME'S WILDCAT.

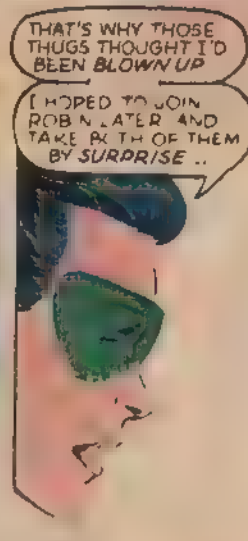
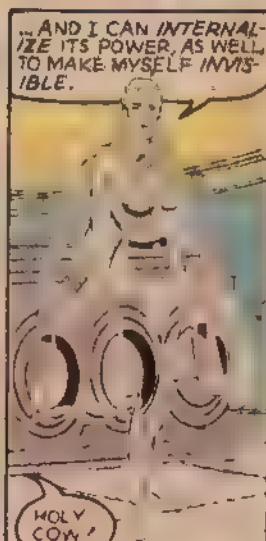
WE CAN SHAKE HANDS AFTER YA PICK UP YOUR JAW UP OFF THE FLOOR, QUICK.

FIVE MORE HEROES-- AND THEIR ROBOT BUTLER, TOO! I FEEL LIKE I JUST STEPPED INTO AN OLD NEWSREEL!

GREAT SEEING YOU GUYS - SPECIALLY YOU, FLASH.

BUT WHAT ABOUT BELLE-- GREEN LANTERN-- AND THE REST?









SO NAME 'EM LEFT TO R'GHT-- AND WE'LL SEE HOW THAT TALLIES WITH OUR INFO

NO PROBLEM THE SILVER SCARAB... NUKLON... FURY... NORTHWIND... JADE... AND OBSIDIAN...

PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE CREW OF INFINITY INCORPORATED-- OR "INFINITY, INC," AS I CALL IT!

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? THEY LOOK COMATOSE.

THEY ARE ' SEEMS THEY EACH PASSED OUT-- THE SAME INSTANT THE ALL-STAR WHO TOUCHED THEM VANISHED?

WHO ARE THEY? AND WHAT'S THEIR CONNECTION TO THOSE COSTUMED HOODS OF ULTRA'S WHO TOOK OUR BUDDIES' PLACE?

YEAH-- AND HOW COME YOU KNOW THEY'RE CALLED "INFINITY, INC"?

NOT TO MENTION WHY WAS THERE ANOTHER SO CALLED "BRAA WAVE" OUT AT THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD-- AN OLDER GUY BUT WITH ALMOST THE SAME OUTFIT AS YOURS?

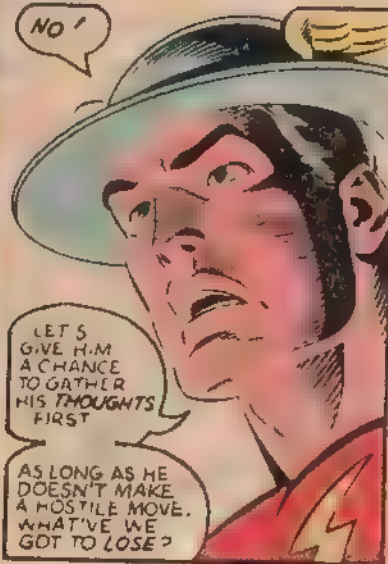
THE WAY I FIGURE IT, YOU'RE ALL IN CAHOOTS WITH THE ULTRA-HUMANITE!

TOO MANY QUESTIONS-- ALL AT ONCE. I CAN'T--



HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO PULL K'D?

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO SHAKE THE ANSWERS OUT OF HIM W/ LDCAT



NO!

LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO GATHER HIS THOUGHTS FIRST

AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T MAKE A HOSTILE MOVE. WHAT'VE WE GOT TO LOSE?

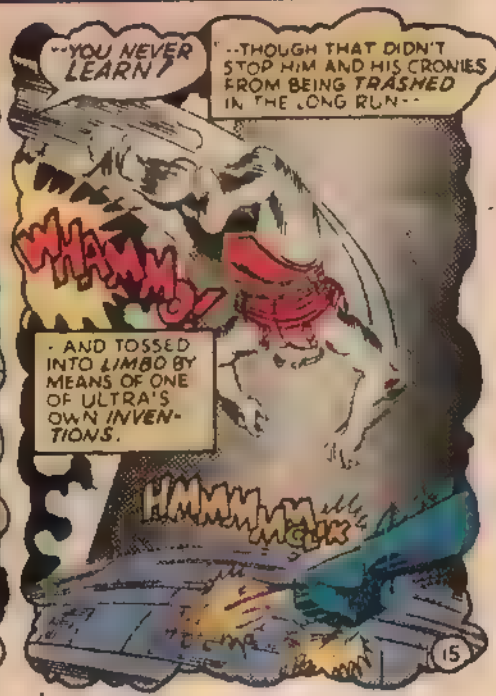
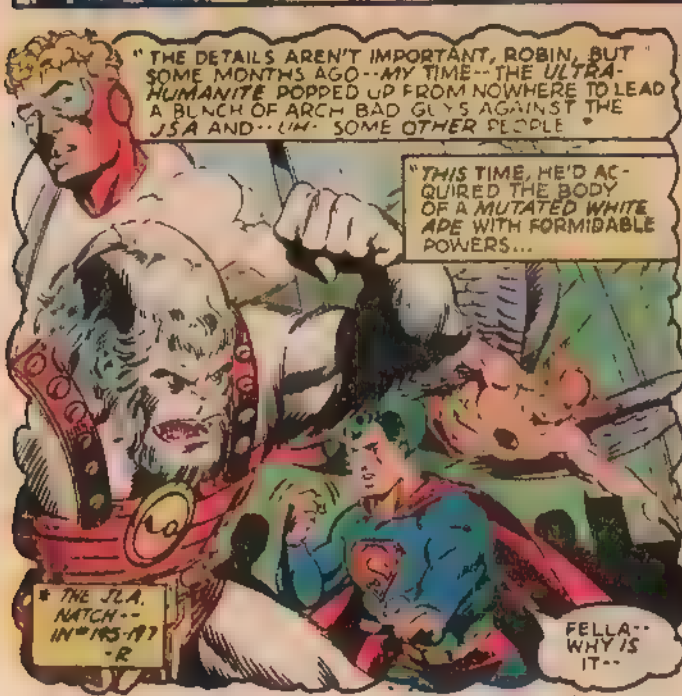
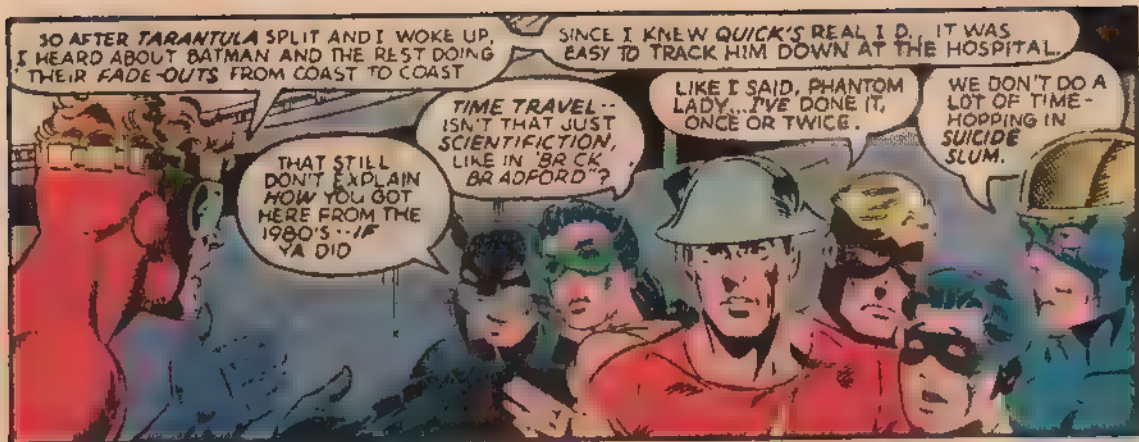


SURE! FLASH AND I'RE FAST ENOUGH TO HANDLE HIM IF HE GETS OUTTA LINE, RIGHT, PAL?

I'D LIKE TO THINK SO

OKAY, FELLA, SAY YOUR PIECE







LIMBO? YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE THAT'S A REAL PLACE, INSTEAD OF--

IT'S JUST ULTRA'S NAME FOR A DIMENSION BETWEEN OTHER DIMENSIONS-- WHERE SUPER-CRIMINALS OF TWO WORLDS WERE BEING STORED FOR TEMPORARY SAFEKEEPING

THOSE OF ONE WORLD-- WHICH I THINK I'D BEST NOT TELL YOU ABOUT-- WERE SOON TAKEN BACK THERE FOR TRIAL--

"BUT, BEFORE ULTRA AND HIS FIVE FLUNKIES COULD BE EXTRADITED, THEY DISCOVERED THEY WEREN'T QUITE ALONE IN THAT NEAR-VOID

YOU? WHOEVER YOU ARE-- HOWEVER YOU GOT HERE-- IDENTIFY YOURSELF, OR I'LL--

I CALL MYSELF VULCAN, SON OF FIRE-- PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?

THE JUSTICE SOCIETY DESTROYED YOU-- SOME TIME AGO.

YOU'LL DO NOTHING, MAN-AP!

THEY ONLY THOUGHT THEY DID-- IN A BLAST WHICH HURLED ME IN HERE, INSTEAD

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FOOL THAT I AM! IF HE COULD BE TOSSED HERE--

--THEN BEYOND A DOUBT, MY MATCHLESS MENTAL POWER CAN GET US OUT AGAIN!

ESPECIALLY WHEN THE BRAIN WAVE ADDS HIS OWN POWER-- TO YOUR OWN?

THEN THINK, MAN-- THINK! CONCENTRATE WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT--

--ON MAKING CONTACT WITH SOME-- ONE OF SIMILAR POWERS-- IN THE OUTER WORLD!

"IMAGINE ULTRA'S SURPRISE WHEN, AFTER A NUMBER OF FALSE STARTS, HE MADE CONTACT WITH--HIMSELF!"

SOMEHOW HIS ALPHA-WAVES HAD SPANNED THE DECADES-- AND REACHED HIS 1942 PERSONA

WHEN HIS V.L.E. BRAIN WAS IN THE BODY OF A WOMAN DOLORES WINTERS

"I TAKE IT HE/SHE WAS EQUALLY STARTLED



"ANYWAY AS YOU KNOW IN PART, THE 1942 ULTRA HAD A PLAN TO EXTORT \$100 MILLION OR MORE FROM THE U.S. -- BLACKMAIL FOR NOT TOTALING THE WAR EFFORT

HE/SHE HAD ALSO DEVELOPED SOME SUPER-POWERED MACHINES INCLUDING AMAZING MAN A HALF 'NANE THOR' CYCLOTRON AND DEATHBOLT

ONE OF THESE - CYCLOTRON REALLY DR TERRY CURTIS - HAD DEVELOPED THE ATOMIC DEVICE ULTRA USED TO CAPSZE THE NORMANDIE EARLIER TODAY

"ALONG THE WAY, THE FAKE 'THOR' FREAKED OUT FOR GOOD

"JUST SITTING AT HIS/HER ATOMIC CONSOLE AS IF LOST IN THOUGHT

"AND NEITHER CURTIS NOR DEATHBOLT KNEW WHAT ULTRA WAS DOING FOR HOURS AT A TIME

"WHILE AMAZING MAN WAS DEAD, DR FATES HELMET WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE POWER STONE AND THE HAMMER OF THOR

"THEN, AIDED BY MY FATHER - WHO'S GOT A LOT ON THE 'FEBRUARY BALL' HOWEVER HE CHOOSES TO USE IT --

"WHEN AND THE ULTRA WERE ABLE TO POOL THEIR OWN RESOURCES JUST LONG ENOUGH --

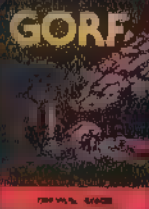
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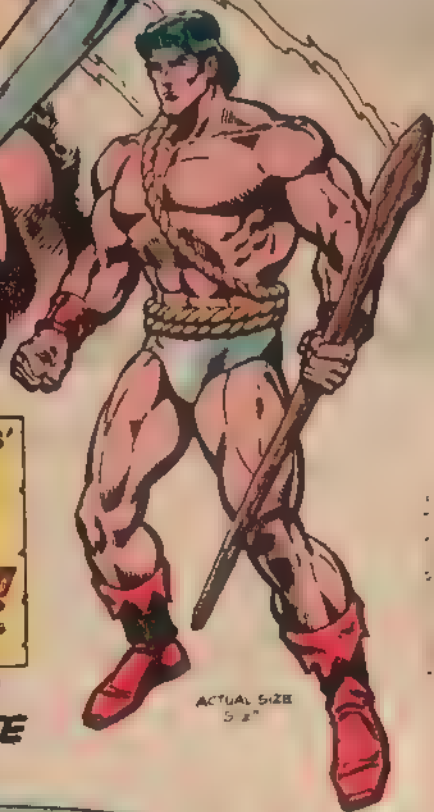
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"ANYWAY THE TWO ULTRAS ISSUED AN IRRESISTIBLE MENTAL CHALLENGE TO THEM--OBVIOUSLY BY LONG DISTANCE--"

"--AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THEM TO FIGURE OUT THAT IT WAS EMANATING FROM MT. ST. HELEN'S IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON--"

"--A MOUNTAIN THAT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT IN THE 1980'S FROM THE WAY YOU KNOW IT."

"THERE, AMID A WHITE-GRAY LANDSCAPE..."

"THAT CALL IN OUR HEADS-- COMING FROM STRAIGHT AHEAD!"

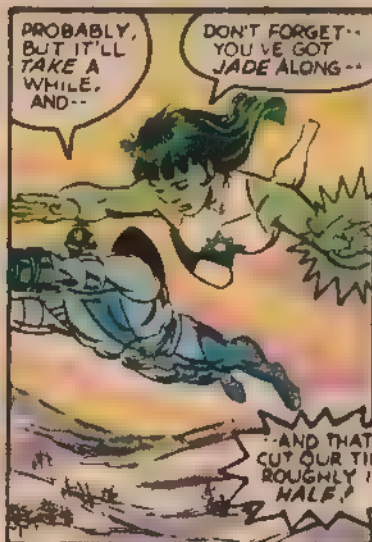
"BUT-- WHOSE CALL?"

"AND HOW DID IT KNOW WE EVEN EXISTED-- TO CONTACT US?"



"IT'S COMING FROM DIRECTLY BELOW THE ASH LAYER SOMEHOW!"

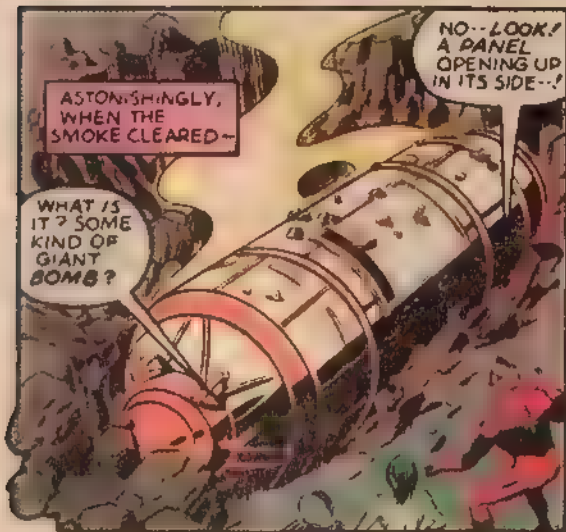
"THINK YOUR SOLAR POWER CAN BLAST THROUGH, SCARAB?"



"PROBABLY, BUT IT'LL TAKE A WHILE, AND--"

"DON'T FORGET-- YOU'VE GOT JADE ALONG--"

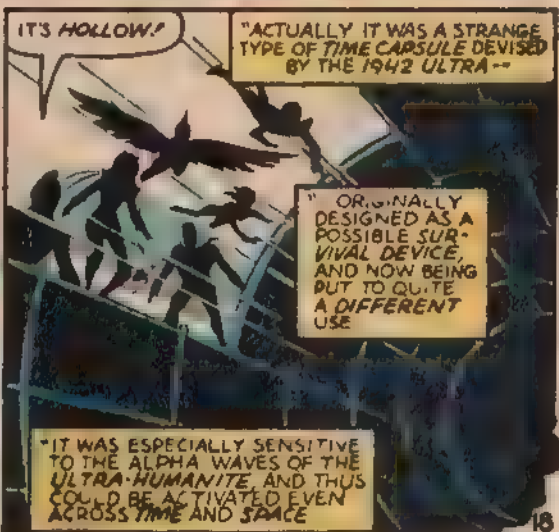
"--AND THAT'LL CUT OUR TIME ROUGHLY IN HALF!"



"ASTONISHINGLY, WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED--"

"WHAT IS IT? SOME KIND OF GIANT BOMB?"

"NO--LOOK! A PANEL OPENING UP IN ITS SIDE--"



"IT'S HOLLOW!"

"ACTUALLY IT WAS A STRANGE TYPE OF TIME CAPSULE DEvised BY THE 1942 ULTRA--"

"ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS A POSSIBLE SURVIVAL DEVICE, AND NOW BEING PUT TO QUITE A DIFFERENT USE."

"IT WAS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO THE ALPHA WAVES OF THE ULTRA-HUMANITE, AND THUS COULD BE ACTIVATED EVEN ACROSS TIME AND SPACE."



...THOUGH IT WAS THE GUYS' OWN DECISION TO ENTER THE DAMN THING!

IF THIS IS A TRAP, WE'LL FIGHT OUR WAY OUT.

WAIT! I FEEL--

WHAT THEY FELT WAS BOTH ULTRAS ACTING ON THE METAL CYLINDER, AN EARLY TYPE OF CHROMIUM.

LATER EMPLOYED BY PER DEGATON - ROY

AND DRAWING IT AND THEM ACROSS THE YEARS LIKE RUES TRAPPED IN A BOTTLE.

TO THE CENTER OF THAT SAME MOUNTAIN, A PLACE WHERE THEY FOUND DEATH, EARLIER.

THEY'RE HERE?

WHOS HERE BOSS?

ACTING THROUGH HER RECENTLY ACQUIRED POWERSTONE WHICH GREATLY INCREASED HER MENTAL POWERS, ULTRA EASILY OVERCAME THE DOR-ENTED YOUTHS AS THEY STUMBLED FROM THE CASSIILE.

UNNN...!

ULTRA, FOR GOD'S SAKE-- DON'T! THEY'RE HARDLY MORE THAN KIDS!

FOOLS, BOTH. OF YOU! I DIDN'T BRING THEM SO FAR-- JUST TO KILL THEM!

DANGEROUS KIDS, IF YA ASK ME! BETTER LET ME FIGHT 'EM ALL OVER HOTFOOT!

WHIMM THE R WILLS ARE STRONG, AS BEETS WHO THEY ARE!

YEAH? AND WHO'S THAT?

STILL, OVER THEIR REAL MEMORIES, I CAN SUPERIMPOSE CERTAIN THOUGHTS-- CERTAIN FALSE MEMORIES.

OF THE U.S.A. AND HER ALLIES AS THE AGGRESSORS IN THE WORLD WAR PERIOD TO WHICH I'VE DRAWN THEM AND--

OF MY OWN ESSENTIAL GOODNESS, SO THAT WHEN THEY SERVE ME THEY SERVE THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY-- AND OF PEACE.

MY DON'TATION WILL LAST MORE THAN AN HOUR, BUT THAT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR MY PURPOSES.



MINUTES LATER, THE SIX INFINITORS AS I CALL THEM WERE RACING OFF ON WHAT THEY IMAGINED WAS A MISSION FOR MANKIND

WHAT'S THE BIG JOKE, ULTRA?

WHO ARE THOSE YOUNGSTERS, ANYWAY? ONE OR TWO OF THEM SEEMED... SO FAMILIAR, SOMEHOW.

AH, DR CURTIS-- IF YOU ONLY KNEW.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW!

"BUT THEY STILL DON'T, I'D BET. EVEN NOW."

AND NEITHER DO WE, SON--SO HOW ABOUT LETTING US IN ON THE SECRET, AS WELL AS HOW YOU KNOW ALL YOU'VE TOLD US?

WE'D LIKE TO, KID--IF ONLY BECAUSE IT'S OUR FRIENDS, AND OUR COUNTRY, THAT'RE IN DANGER

I READ THEIR MINDS JUST NOW, BUT AS FOR WHO THEY ARE--I CAN'T TELL YOU YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME

YOURS, TOO--IF YOU'RE ON THE UP-AND-UP.

AS THE GATHERED ALL-STARS CAREFULLY WEIGH THE DECISION THEY MUST MAKE IN THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS, BRAINWAVE JR AGONIZES INWARDLY.

IF ONLY I COULD TELL THEM--THAT JADE AND THE OTHERS AREN'T JUST HALF A DOZEN MORE SUPER-POWERED HEROES WHO JUST HAPPEN TO BE FROM THE FUTURE--

--BUT THE SONS, THE DAUGHTERS, THE MORE OR LESS ADOPTED WARDS OF PEOPLE THEY KNOW--

--ALL OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA!

MAYBE I SHOULD TELL THEM--MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO TELL THEM--BUT IF I DO--

HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT VERY KNOWLEDGE WON'T SOMEHOW CAUSE INFINITY, INC --MY FRIENDS--NOT TO COME INTO EXISTENCE AT ALL??

OKAY, KID...





...WE'VE REACHED OUR DECISION WHILE YOU WERE LOST IN THE OZONE

WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD-- FOR NOW

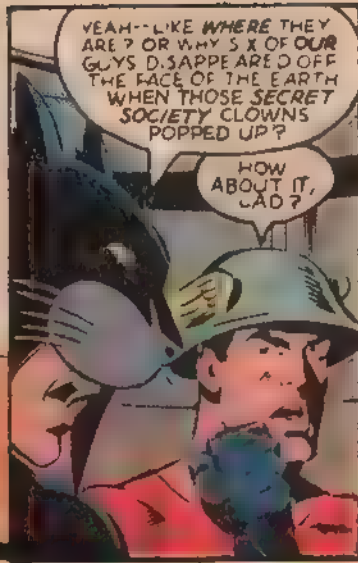
I'M IN THE MINORITY, BUT I'LL PLAY ALONG



THANK GOD! I KNOW JUST ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON TO TAKE A STAB AT STOPPING ULTRA BY MYSELF-- BUT WITH YOU SIX ON MY SIDE, MAYBE--

JUST DON'T TRY TO CROSS US

ANYTHING MORE YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT ULTRA-- OR OUR CAPTIVE FRIENDS?

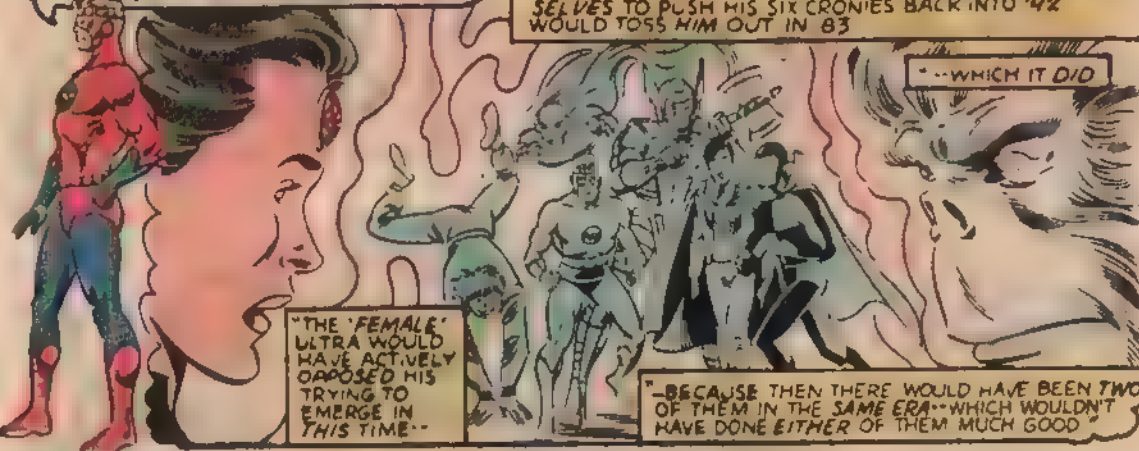


YEAH-- LIKE WHERE THEY ARE? OR WHY SIX OF OUR GUYS DISAPPEARED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH WHEN THOSE SECRET SOCIETY CLOWNS POPPED UP?

HOW ABOUT IT, LAD?

"LAD?" I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU ONLY GRADUATED COLLEGE THREE YEARS AGO, BUT SEE IF YOU CAN FOLLOW THIS

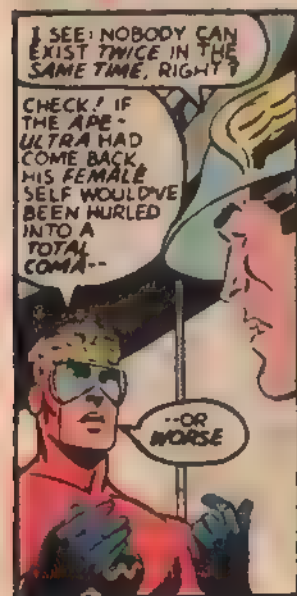
"ALL THE APE-ULTRA CARES ABOUT REALLY IS GETTING HIMSELF OUT OF LIMBO-- AND HIS SUPER-BRAIN FIGURED OUT THAT THE ENERGY EXPENDED BY HIS TWIN SELVES TO PUSH HIS SIX CRONIES BACK INTO '42 WOULD TOSS HIM OUT IN '83



--WHICH IT DID

"THE 'FEMALE' ULTRA WOULD HAVE ACTIVELY OPPOSED HIS TRYING TO EMERGE IN THIS TIME--

--BECAUSE THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN TWO OF THEM IN THE SAME ERA--WHICH WOULDN'T HAVE DONE EITHER OF THEM MUCH GOOD"



I SEE: NOBODY CAN EXIST TWICE IN THE SAME TIME, RIGHT?

CHECK! IF THE APE-ULTRA HAD COME BACK, HIS FEMALE SELF WOULD'VE BEEN HURLED INTO A TOTAL COMA--

--OR WORSE



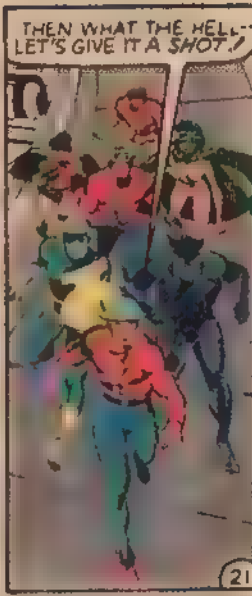
THAT MEANS THERE'S A PARALYZED BRAIN WAVE, SR OUT THERE, SOMEWHERE-- MAYBE MORE IF ANY OF THOSE SECRET SOCIETY TYPES ARE OVER 40

ULTRA'S TIME-TRAVEL PLOT IS GETTING PRETTY COMPLICATED.



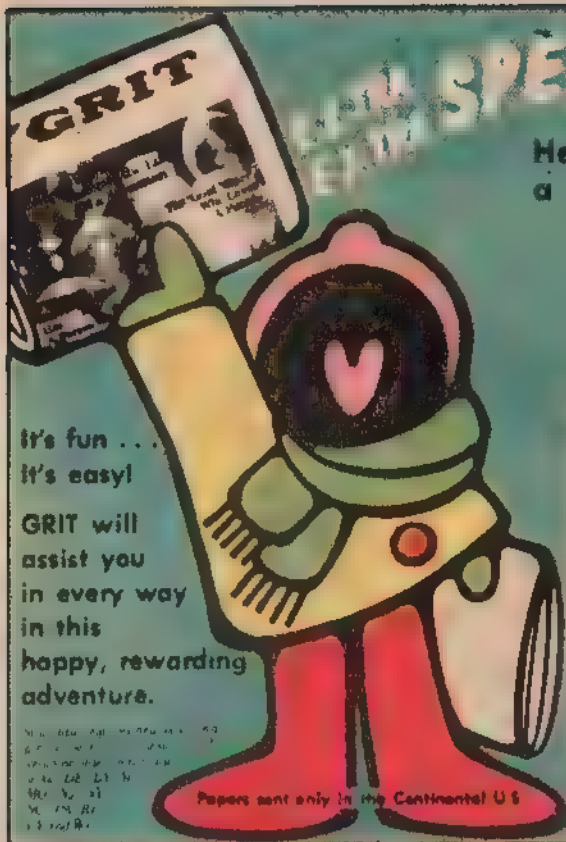
THE SIMPLE PLOTS ARE ALL IN THE COMIC BOOKS, FLASH, SO, ARE YOU ALL WITH ME?

LIKE ROBIN SAID-- TILL YOU CROSS US



THEN WHAT THE HELL-- LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT!





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## COMING COMICS

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**JONAH HEX #77—"Over The Wall"** Michael Fleisher, scripter; Dick Ayers, penciller, Tony De Zuniga, inker. JONAH is told during a surprise visit by the CANE MAN that he is doomed to die in his solitary, rat-infested cell. In a later bid for freedom, JONAH discovers that his future turns from bad to worse.

**WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #298**—Story by David Anthony Kraft, pencils by Adrian Gonzales. Conflict between SUPERMAN and THE BATMAN continues as a result of the incident causing THE BATMAN to quit the JLA and form THE OUTSIDERS. Meanwhile, a new group of mysterious villains is introduced. Part 1 of 3.

**ALL-STAR SQUADRON #28**—Story by Roy Thomas, pencils by Jerry Ordway, inks by Mike Machlan. From the distant future of 1983 to the war-torn world of 1942 comes the SECRET SOCIETY OF SUPER-VILLAINS to make things even worse! Meanwhile, BRAINWAVE JR. reveals the startling secret of INFINITY INC., the amazing new super-hero group destined for its own DC title! It's all a pulse-pounding prelude to the ALL-STAR ANNUAL next month! Oh yes—a few guest ALL-STARs as well: ROBIN, PHANTOM LADY, THE GUARDIAN, WILDCAT and the long awaited return of THE GOLDEN AGE FLASH!

**ACTION COMICS #538**—Story by Cary Bates, art by Alex Saviuk and Vince Colletta. Why are certain Phantom Zone villains, led by General Zod, determined to escape to Earth? And what part will a group of evil aliens play in the scheme of things? Anyway you look at it, it's guaranteed to add up to danger-filled action for Superman!

**DETECTIVE COMICS #531**—Cover by Gene Colan and Dick Giordano. Join the Caped Crusader to discover... "The Face of The Chimera!" Also, Green Arrow battles the Survivalist in "Shelter From The Storm!" by Joey Cavalieri and Jerome Moore.

**THE SWORD OF THE ATOM #2**—Ian Strnad, writer, Gili Kane, artist!

**ARION, LORD OF ATLANTIS #12**—"The Lands Beyond Atlantis." Written by Doug Moench, pencilled by Jan Duursema, inked by Tom Mandrake. In the continuing saga of ARION, sorcerer in the land of timeless origin, the young magician finds that he must depend on his human resources more than his spells. Strange beings from unexplored outlying empires threaten ARION and his companions more menacingly than any dangers he has faced thus far!

**NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY #46**—"Land of the Rising Sunburst" by Paul Kupperberg, writer, and Alex Saviuk, guest-penciller. The Japanese movie hero-turned-real-life-villain is still on the loose, terrorizing Tokyo as he holds SUPERBOY at bay! But even a man of SUNBURST's might can be a victim of cruel fate. And while the Teen of Steel is busy fighting evil overseas, he is unaware of the dangers lurking in Smallville's suddenly hazardous political arena for his adoptive father, JONATHAN KENT!

**CAPTAIN CARROT AND HIS AMAZING ZOO CREW! #20**—What a way to go! The final issue of the regular series stars GORILLA GRODD (that old FLASH foe) and THE CHANGELING (that young NEW TEEN TITAN) in a battle-royal.



# MEANWHILE

Ah, Springtime at last!

A time when the flowers bloom, the trees bud and the grass grows green.

A time when a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of love... or baseball

...or comic conventions!

If comic conventions are your thing, DC'll be there! Come this time of year most comic pros start making plans to attend at least their favorite convention (and maybe one or two more!) You guys and gals have been good to DC Comics this year and we want to repay your loyalty in some way other than just producing the best books we can, so we decided to send as many of those pros to conventions as we possibly could so you'd have an opportunity to meet and chat with the creative folk who labor so mightily to bring you your favorite comics each month. Who? Well, how about Roy Thomas, Joe Kubert, Don McGregor, Jerry Ordway, Robert Loren Fleming, Jose Garcia-Lopez, Gerry Conway, Mary Wollman, Karen Berger, Gene Colan, Len Wein, Keith Pollard, Trevor Von Eeden, Ernie Colon, Elliott S! Maggin and yours truly among others! And how about New York (twice!), Philadelphia, Chicago, San Diego, Anaheim, Houston, Orlando, Ottawa, Washington, D.C. and Boston as the cities that host conventions at which DC Comics will be represented. Throw in Sal Amendola at each of those shows looking

for hot new writers and you begin to get an idea of the scope of our commitment. Of course all of these people won't be at all of these conventions. Somebody has to stay behind to watch the store and to get next month's issue of your favorite comic out the door, but somebody (or bodies) will be at every one of them and we'll be out in force for the "biggies" at San Diego, Chicago and New York. Watch the Fanzines, local advertising by the cons and anywhere else such news could come from for specifics. As of this writing the schedule looks like this:

June 25-26 Creation  
Anaheim

July 2-3-4 Forbidden Planet  
International SF & Comic  
Convention

July 9-10 Multi Media  
Philadelphia

July 16-17 Ottawa

July 22-24 Chicago

July 29-31 Houston Comix  
Fair '83

July 30-31 Washington,  
D.C. Creation

Aug. 4-5-6-7 San Diego  
Comicon

Aug. 13-14 Orlando  
Creation

Sept. 24-25 Orlando Con  
(Jim Ivey)

Sept. 9-10 Multi-Media  
Boston

Now, remember... we won't all be at all of these conventions. Please check their ads before making travel plans. We wouldn't want you to be disappointed

If you can find your way to one of these conventions, I assure you that your time will be well spent. If you like comics, of course. In addition to being able to meet some of the most admired creative

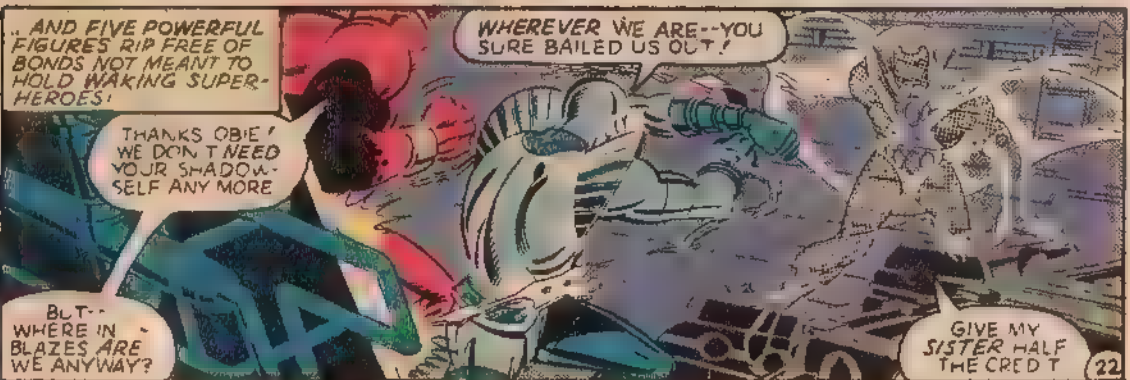
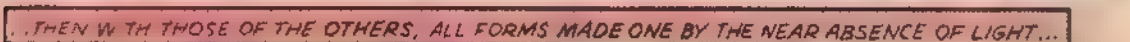
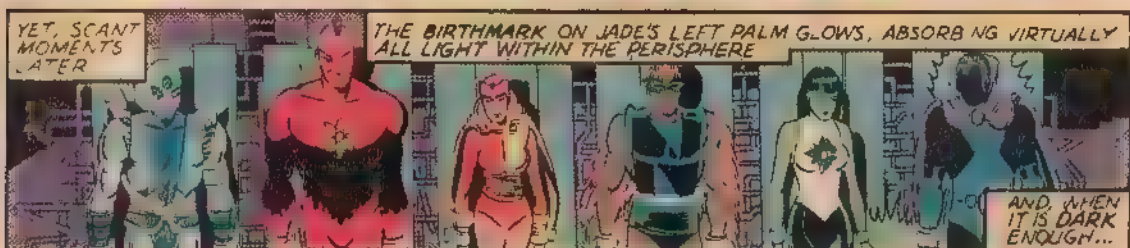
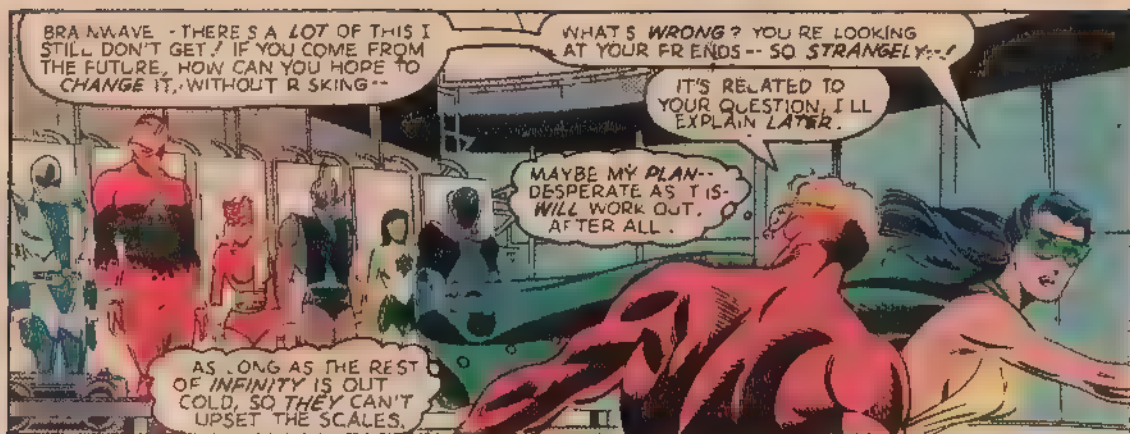
people in comics, a DC group will be there with slide shows, panel discussions and whatever other "goodies" we can lug with us to tell you about what's going to be new and exciting from DC for the balance of the summer and fall and winter. Joe Kubert will preview **Redeemer** his first new strip in decades, rising stars Robert Loren Fleming and Trevor Von Eeden will introduce **Thriller**, a bold new look in comics, Gerry Conway and Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez will show you the all new **Atari Force**, an exciting spin-off from the Atari Force comics that were packed in with selected Atari Video game cartridges this year. This is Jose's very first regular assignment and will bring Jose the recognition he deserves. Most pro's consider him to be the most underrated artist in comics today, Roy Thomas, Jerry Ordway and Mike Machlan will bring you the new Super-Heroes from Earth Two who call themselves **Infinity, Inc.**, a really neat looking bunch of youngsters, if you ask me!

Of course, there'll be much more! For example, we'll be handing out free copies of the first ever **DC Sampler** at many of these conventions—a full color 32 page comic book that allows you to sample DC's full line of comics! Perhaps we'll be able to provide a few more quests if their work schedules permit. Keep your fingers crossed... but keep movin' toward the convention nearest you. I'll see you there... and maybe you'll get a chance to ask me why I always end this column with—

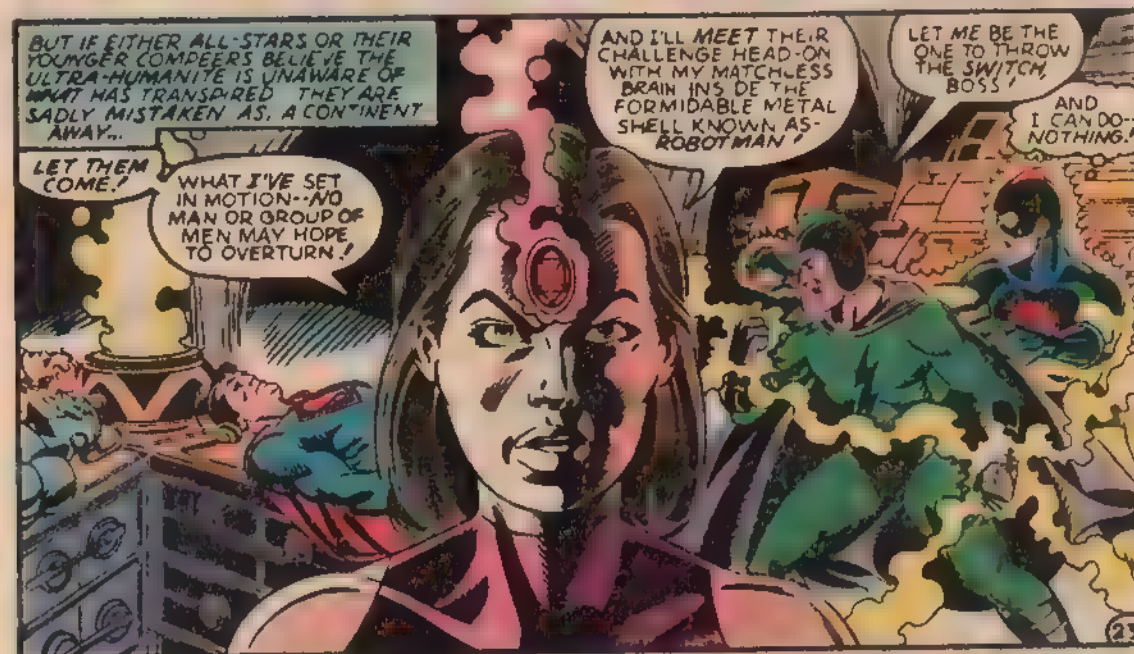
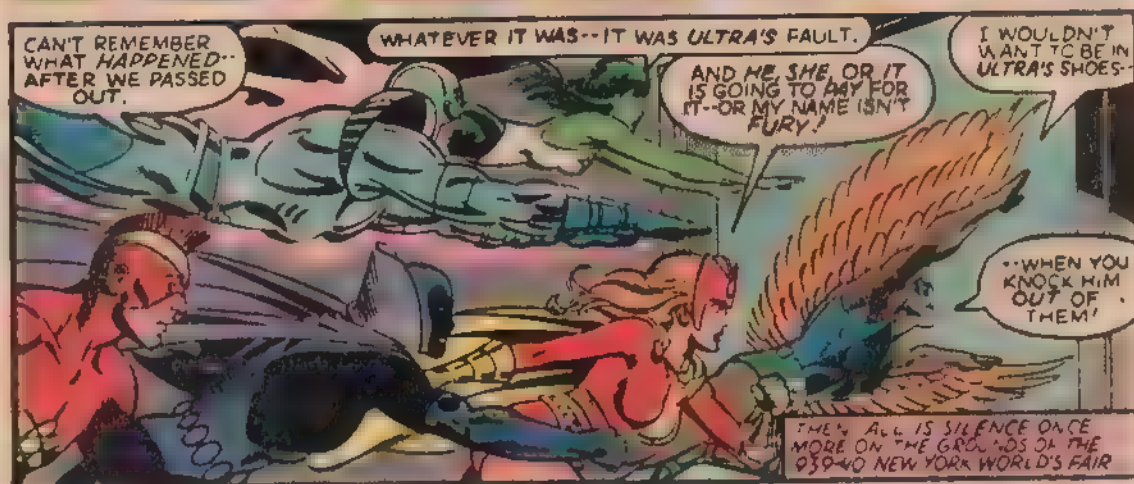
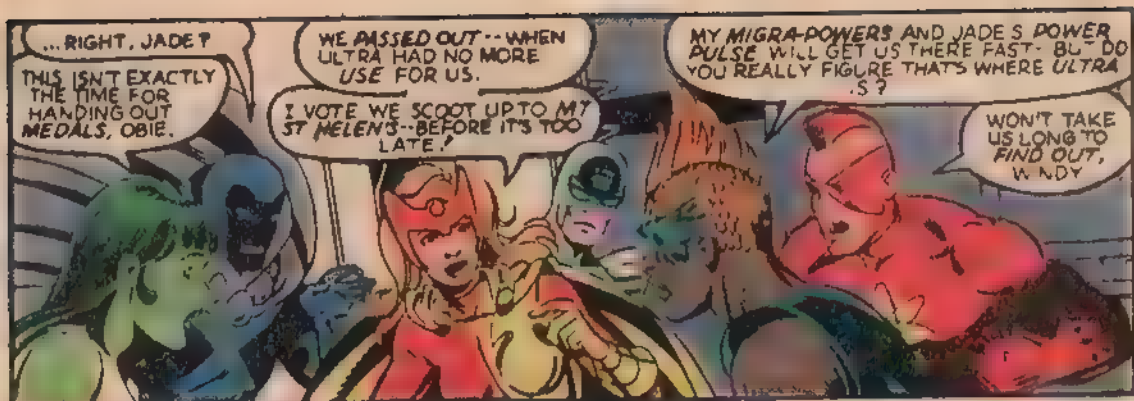
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Dick









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THE **JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
JOINS **DR. FATE'S** DESPERATE QUEST FOR  
THE MISSING **SPECTRE!**  
(TALK ABOUT NAME-DROPPING,  
GOLDEN-AGE STYLE!)



# ALL-STAR SQUADROOM

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## FAREWELL—AND HAIL! Dept.:

With this issue and the soon-on-sale **ALL-STAR SQUADRON ANNUAL #2**, artist extraordinaire Jerry Ordway will be taking his leave, at least for the nonce, of the magazine he helped to success—first by his inking/embellishing of early issues, later by his own detailed, realistic, and power-packed pencils. As a special farewell treat—both to you and to himself—Jerry has both penciled and inked the **ANNUAL's** double-length wind-up to the storyline begun in issue #21 (or, in some ways, in issue #18). The result? A classic you'll have to see to believe!

Replacing Jerry as penciler will be another remarkable new talent find, Rick Hoberg, who inked issues #16-18 and penciled the *Amazing-Man* origin in #23. (This in addition to penciling this year's **JLA ANNUAL** and several issues of **CAPTAIN CARROT**, in addition to inking chores on **GREEN LANTERN**, **BRAVE & BOLD**, and various other DC mags over the past year.) Give Rick half a chance, and we think he'll knock you off your seat with sheer enjoyment, just as Jerry did starting in #19!

Meanwhile, what of the awesome Mr. Ordway? Well, in addition to a graphic novel project he and I have lined up for Dynamic DC, Jerry has already begun to pencil (and will also ink) a startling **JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA** MINI-SERIES of six issues, which will debut next spring—an epoch-making comics-publishing event in and of itself, but made more so by Jerry's formidable artwork! The mini-series will cover the entire 40-years-plus history of the JSA, as well as the rest of Earth-Two and its Golden-Age (and current) heroes, and that alone would make it an instant collectors' item.

While you're reacting to that little bombshell, maybe this is the place to mention that we've moved our letters-and-comments on issue #22 to the **ANNUAL**, on sale a couple of weeks from now, because of circumstances which left us with merely one page for a letters section this time around. But before you go, don't neglect to read (and hopefully, take part in) the pulse-pounding poll which follows. Thanks.

**OUR VERY FIRST POLL:** The past few regular issues of this comic have referred to the looming battle between the Justice Society (as opposed to the entire roster of All-Stars) with the mysterious and deadly *Black Dragon Society*, a fanatical Japanese-Empire sabotage organization of World War Two.

While such a group was rumored to actually exist during the war (and even accepted as real by too many gullible Americans), it seems to have been wholly fictitious. However, it made the basis of a rousing JSA yarn in 1942, in **ALL-STAR COMICS #12**—the first issue in which the JSAs, with Wonder Woman as secretary, saw duty as the newly-constituted Justice Battalion—in a tale which was largely (if not totally) uncontaminated by the kind of hysteria, "war nerves," and downright racism which led to the civil-rights abuses of the Japanese-American Internment Camps—themselves the subject of a future **ALL-STAR SQUADRON** saga. Indeed, in many ways, that 65-page multi-chapter JSA adventure provides the perfect lead-in to such a story.

Our question, then:

Would you, as a reader of **ALL-STAR SQUADRON**, like to see this mammoth epic re-adapted in the pages of our monthly mag as a one-or-two-issue spectacular, or even (if the Powers-That-Be are willing) as a special double-size one-shot? Or would you prefer to see it become just a minor footnote, shoehorned into a few panels of the regular comic?

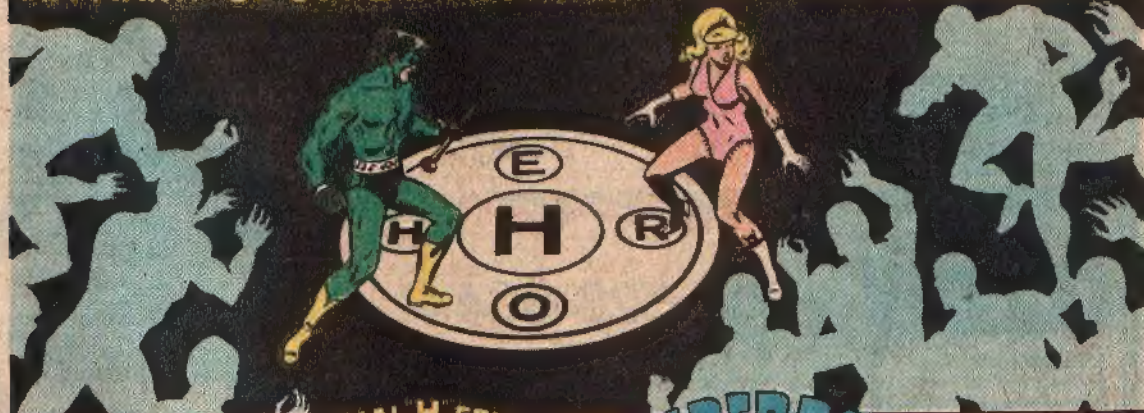
The choice is yours—and we'll be guided by your responses.

Let us know quickly, though, okay? For in **ALL-STAR SQUADRON #27**, on sale any day now, guest artist Richard Howell, new inker Larry Houston, and I will take up Dr. Fate's sorcerous pursuit of the vanished Spectre in a startling two-part epic—and the *Black Dragon* storyline would have to follow soon afterward.

We'll announce the results of the *Black Dragon* poll in the letters section of **ALL-STAR SQUADRON #30** or **31**—so don't let us down, hear?

—Roy Thomas

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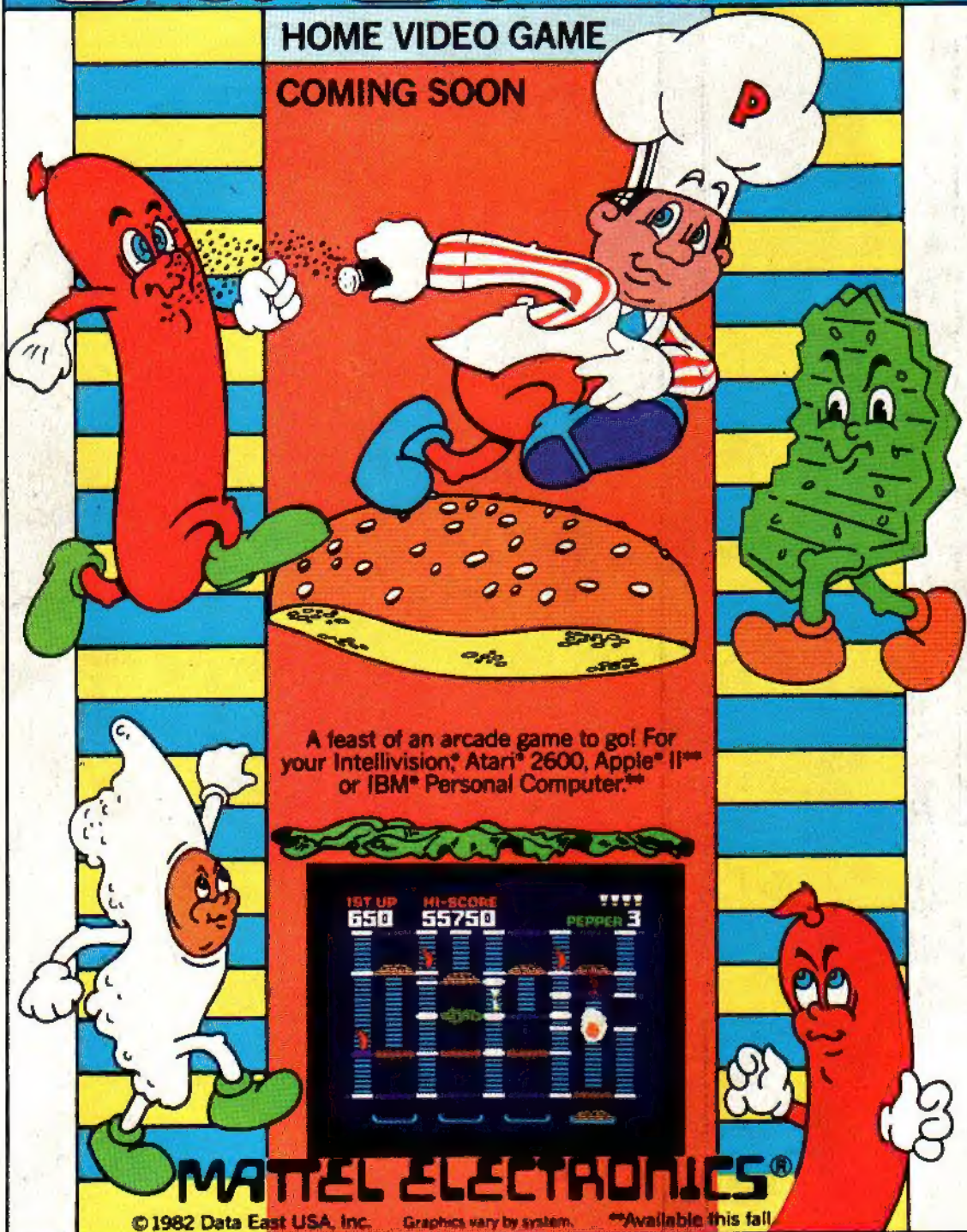
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